

CHANGES IN THE NOMENCLATURE OF THREE VICTORIAN MONOCOTYLEDONS

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1. *POA FAX* Willis & Court, *nomen novum*.

P. lepida F. Muell. *Fragm. Phyt. Aust.* 8: 130 (1873), non Nees ex Steud. *Synops. Plant. Glumac.* 1: 257 (1854), nec A. Rich. *Tent. Flor. Abyss.* 2: 424 (1851).

As a later homonym, F. Mueller's name *Poa lepida* must lapse (Code of 1952, Art. 74). The short epithet *fax* is here bestowed in the necessary new name for this little annual grass of southern Australia (chiefly from coastal and/or Mallee areas) in allusion to its dense, spike-like inflorescence which resembles a torch with ascending tongues of flame.

2. *THYSANOTUS JUNCIFOLIUS* (Salisb.) Willis & Court, *combinatio nova*.

Chlamysporum juncifolium Salisb. *Paradisus Lond.* T. 103 (1807).

Thysanotus junceus R.Br. *Prodr. Flor. Nov. Holl.* 283 (1810).

R. Brown considered Salisbury's epithet *juncifolium* inappropriate ("bene, si ex sicco, pessime si ex recenti"), and he changed it to *junceus* when transferring *Chlamysporum* to the genus *Thysanotus* in his *Prodromus*. According to the present (1952) Code of Nomenclature, Art. 72, he was not justified and the earlier basynym must be restored in a new combination, *T. juncifolius*, for this lily of coastal New South Wales and far eastern Victoria.

3. *CALADENIA PATERSONII* R.Br., var. *CONCOLOR* (FitzG.) Willis & Court, *status novus et combinatio nova*.

Caladenia concolor FitzG. *Aust. Orch. I*⁷, T8 (1882).

Caladenia patersonii is an extremely variable plant. In *Orchids of New South Wales* 62 (Dec. 1943), H. M. R. Rupp retained *C. arenaria* FitzG. and *C. concolor* FitzG. as distinct, but he expressed uncertainty about their status as species. W. H. Nicholls (*Vict. Nat.* 59: 189 (Mar. 1943)) had already reduced *C. arenaria* to varietal rank under *C. patersonii*. Both *C. arenaria* and *C. concolor* are little more than colour forms of R. Brown's orchid (type from the Tamar Heads, Tasmania), the former greyish and the latter with intense prune-purplish pigmentation. Accordingly, we make the above new combination which does not seem to have been published previously. *C. patersonii*, var. *concolor* was ignored in Ewart's *Flora of Victoria* (1930) but is known from such widely separated parts of Victoria as the Grampians, Castlemaine, Heathcote, Port Phillip and near Albury.

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